

Cobb County Government
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Cobb County Government has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Cobb County has received Federal financial assistance from the USDOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of Cobb County to ensure that DBEs as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in USDOT-assisted contracts. It is also the County's policy:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of USDOT – assisted contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts;
- To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT assisted contracts; and
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Laraine Vance has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer and is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by Cobb County in its financial assistance agreements with the USDOT.

The Cobb County Department of Transportation (CDOT) is the lead agency for implementing the USDOT DBE Program for the County. As the lead agency, CDOT will disseminate this policy statement to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, and throughout the organization, as well as to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for the County on USDOT-assisted contracts. This will include the Georgia Highway Contractors Association, the National Association of Minority Contractors-Atlanta Chapter, the African American Chamber of Commerce, the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Business League, the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council and others as identified.

Additionally, the policy statement will be placed in the Marietta Daily Journal, Cobb County's legal organ, as a legal notice.


Samuel S. Olens

Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Disadvantaged Business Plan

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